



SAINTSBURY

2017 LEE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR CARNEROS, NAPA

VINEYARD

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Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: 89% Swan, 11% Pommard

Terroir: Haire clay loam soil; exposure to the Petaluma wind gap and San Pablo Bay airstreams, creating temperate growing conditions.

VINTAGE 2017

A cold off-season with plentiful rainfall led into a warmer spring. Summer continued with warmer weather, leading to steady ripening through the end of the growing season.

Harvest Dates: 8/30 – 9/16

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Lee Vineyard has a short distance to travel—a quarter mile down the road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling from the sorting table to small open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 11 day total cuvaision. This is a site that requires cautious and gentle extraction regime for balanced tannins and bright acidity.

Aging: 11 months in 17% new French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.4%

Case Production: 415

90 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*

TASTING NOTES

Dark fruit, kola nut, and spice fill out the nose. Succulent black cherry and plum dominate on the palate with layers of cigar tobacco and cardamom. Great acidity and depth.

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Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: 40% Swan, 30% Dijon 115, 30% Pommard

Terroir: Haire clay loam soil; exposure to the Petaluma wind gap and San Pablo Bay airstreams, creating temperate growing conditions.

VINTAGE 2016

An off season with more rainfall than recent years led us into a warm spring. A cool summer was followed by a mild finish to the growing season causing the final ripening to happen at a steady rate and the quality of the grapes to be very high.

Harvest Dates: 9/6 – 9/15

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Aging: 11 months in 30% new French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.4%

Case Production: 459

95 points – *Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine*

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